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Inter-German Negotiations Gain Momentum

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[redacted] the GDR, along 25X1
with the rest of the Warsaw Pact, would seek to assist Brandt.
The only such action on the GDR's part so far has been Pankow's
recent relaxation of its demands for membership in international
organizations. Braeutigam, again in talks with the Allied
representatives, has claimed that Bahr made a deal with Kohl
whereby Bonn would cease its opposition to East German partic-
ipation in international organizations in exchange for the
initialing of a treaty prior to the elections.

Evidence is accumulating that the German negotiators are
speeding up progress on a basic treaty. In his session with
the Allied representatives on 18 September, Braeutigam indi-
cated that Bahr made a number of offers on ways to deal with
Bonn's concept of the "single German nation", offers which
appear to be greatly softer than those which the GDR has earlier

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Braeutigam told the Allies that progress was made on a number of other issues raised in the GDR's draft treaty, which has now become the focal point of the talks. This "progress" seems to hinge for the most part on Kohl's future reaction to Bahr's proposals, which should be forthcoming on 26 September. The available evidence suggests that both sides are seeking to complete a treaty prior to the West German elections.

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Wrap-Up of Olszowski's Visit to Bonn

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German foreign ministry officials are generally pleased with the accomplishments of Polish Foreign Minister Olszowski's two-day visit to Bonn last week. The visit started on a difficult note when Olszowski presented a long list of Polish complaints. The Germans responded in kind, however, and after this exchange, the two sides got down to practical, non-rhetorical talks. Olszowski accepted, for example, a German proposal that discussion of the key issue of resettlement of Poland's ethnic Germans be held on a governmental level rather than through the respective Red Cross organizations as had been the case to date. The German negotiators are optimistic that some noticeable progress toward resolution of this problem will result from the foreign minister's visit.

Bonn officials speculate that Olszowski's initial presentation may have been partially for Polish domestic consumption and possibly also to satisfy the demands of some Warsaw Pact countries that the Poles adopt a stern attitude toward West Germany. They were further pleased that Olszowski, who is reputed to be a hardliner, was direct and straightforward in the talks and a knowledgeable negotiator.

Warsaw, meanwhile, is playing down the visit and especially the establishment of diplomatic relations. The press, seemingly uncertain of how to cover the trip, ignored it the first day but gave it normal coverage the second day, emphasizing

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its historic nature. While stressing that much still remains to be done to "normalize" relations, the press made the point in more explicit fashion than usual, that Polish policy is an integral part of overall Warsaw Pact policy toward West Germany and contributes to the broad process of normalization of relations of all pact members with Bonn. The Gierek government may have gotten itself wedged into a difficult or sensitive position in its effort to be a vanguard of East-West detente and seems to be walking a rather thin tightrope.

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Yugoslav Government Discusses Security

The collective presidency, chaired by President Tito, met yesterday. In addition to the regular members Defense Minister Ljubicic, Foreign Minister Tepavac and the Secretary for Internal Affairs Banovic, were on hand. A major portion of the meeting was taken up by a discussion of ways to tighten security in Yugoslavia.

Yesterday's meeting was the Presidency's first of the fall season, and it got right to work on a major problem--measures to head-off the increased terrorism aimed at Yugoslavia. The press gave no details on specific proposals, but included in them may be a tightening of border controls with Italy and Austria. Yugoslavia's borders to the West are currently wide open and as such are easily crossed by emigre terrorists such as those involved in the attack in Bosnia-Hercegovina earlier this year.

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Dutch Royal Family Arrives In Belgrade

Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands were welcomed to Yugoslavia today by President and Mrs. Tito. The royal couple will be in the country until Saturday. Next month, the British royal family will get into the act when Queen Elizabeth pays her first visit to Yugoslavia from 17 to 21 October.

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